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Kentucky State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Kentucky Engineering Center
160 Democrat Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601
Attention: David Cox, Executive Director

RE: Professional Engineers advertising home inspection services.

Dear Mr. Cox

The Kentucky Board of Home Inspectors has recently received information indicating that several licensed professional engineers are advertising home inspection services.

The exemptions to the Home Inspection law are found in KRS 198B.702 which states, "*KRS 198B.700 to 198B.738 shall apply to an individual who conducts home inspections for compensation, but shall not apply to the following: . . . (2) An individual who is acting **within the scope of the individual's license** as a licensed: ... (b) Professional engineer under KRS Chapter 322;*"

The exception in KRS 198B.702(2)(b), does not permit an engineer to do home inspections as defined by KRS 198B.700(5). It simply permits a professional engineer to perform engineering inspections without possessing a home inspector license. Therefore, an engineer advertising home inspections as an additional service must also possess a home inspector's license.

We would appreciate you informing your licensees of the board's position. If you have any questions concerning this matter, feel free to contact our board administrator at (502)564-3296, ext. 228, or via email to kellie.hale@ky.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Michael Green".

D. Michael Green
Board Chairman

cc: Angela Evans, Assistant Attorney General
Frances Short, Executive Director